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Dear Sir:

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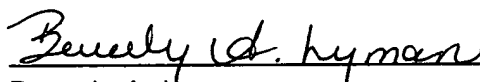
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Each item of information set forth in the attached PTO-1449 was cited in a Written Opinion of Applicants' corresponding PCT Application Serial No. PCT/US98/06425 not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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